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FROM AMBASSADOR FOR DODSON

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF ROBERT H.T. DODSON, AID

TECHNICAL SERVICES

REF: MANAMA 2063 AND DORTTPLOO MULCAHY LETTER OF NOVEMBER 24

1. I BELIEVE THE PROPOSED JANUARY VISIT OUTLINE IN YOUR LETTER IS PREMATURE. ANY APPROACH TO GOT PROPOSING ASSISTANCE ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS COULD, AT THIS CONJUNCTURE (IN CONTEXT OF USG CHANGEOVER AND CURRENT GOT EFFORTS TO LINE UP SUPPORT FOR FIFTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN), BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO MISINTERPRETATION BY TUNISIANS AS SIGNAL OF CHANGE FROM CURRENT USG POLICY INCLUDING OUR COMMITMENT TO CONTINUING ASSISTANCE THROUGH PERIOD OF NEW FIVE YEAR PLAN.

2. I SHARE YOUR STRONG INTEREST IN TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND AGREE ON LOGIC OF EXPLORING REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NOT ONLY IN NON-AID COUNTRIES -- SUCH AS THOSE OF GULF -- BUT ALSO IN AID RECIPIENT COUNTRIES AS THEY APPROACH "GRADUATE" STATUS. QUITE POSSIBLY OPPORTUNITIES DO EXIST HERE FOR PAID TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER THAT ARE NOT BEING FULLY EXPLOITED VIA COMMERCIAL CHANNELS AS SUPPORTED BY THE COMMERCE DEPART-
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MENT AND EMBASSY COMMERCIAL SECTION. IF SO, SUCH

OPPORTUNITIES COULD BEST BE PINPOINTED FOLLOWING
RELEASE OF THE DETAILED FIFTH PLAN EARLY NEXT SPRING.
I WOULD BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS THIS WITH YOU AT SOME
LATER DATE SHOULD YOU AGAIN BE TRAVELING IN THIS AREA.
BEST REGARDS.
MULCAHY

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